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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRODUCTS DISCUSSIONS WITH PHILIPPINES TROPICAL

BEGIN SUMMARY: PHILIPPINES PROVIDED USG REPRESENTATIVES WITH
IMPROVEMENT OF OFFER PRESENTED BY VEGA APRIL 9, 1976.
IMPROVED OFFER INCLUDES ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS; INCLUSION OF SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN
MEAL REMAINS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN GOP. PHILIPPINES
STRESSED CONFIDENTIALITY OF OFFER, SAYING GOP DOES NOT
WISH TO BE KNOWN AS "BLACK SHEEP" AMONG G-77 NATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

1. PHILIPPINE REPS DESCRIBED OFFER AS "INDICATIVE," NOT
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CLEARED AT HIGH LEVELS. PRODUCTS OFFERED WERE:

08.04 - GRAPES, DRIED
24.01 B - OTHER LEAF TOBACCO
48.01 A2 - KRAFT PAPER
15.07 C - COTTONSEED OIL
15.02 - TALLOW

21.07 - SOY PROTEIN PRODUCTS
23.04 B - COTTON SEED MEAL
39.03 - CELLULOSICS
68.13 A - ASBESTOS PACKING AND GASKETS
68.13 A - OTHER ASBESTOS
84.11 A - AIR PUMPS
84.11 C - OTHER AIR PUMPS
84.11 B - AIR PUMPS, VACUUM PUMPS
85.01 B - GENERATORS, DYNAMOS, ALTERNATORS AND
TURBOGENERATORS

FIRST THREE ITEMS ABOVE WERE INCLUDED ON APRIL 1976 LIST OF OFFERS TO BIND EXISTING RATES. INCLUSION ON CURRENT LIST INDICATES GOP WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE RATES BY AN AMOUNT NOT YET SPECIFIED. PHILIPPINE DEL DID NOTE THAT U.S. REQUEST CALLED ON GOP TO MAKE DEEPER CUTS ON SOME ITEMS THAN MAXIMUM ALLOWED UNDER U.S. TARIFF-CUTTING AUTHORITY. USDEL RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT AVERAGE RATE OF PHILIPPINE SCHEDULE WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN U.S. AVERAGE, AND THAT DEEP CUTS ON SOME ITEMS WOULD STILL LEAVE PHILIPPINE TARIFF SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER ON AVERAGE THAN U.S. AT U.S. REQUEST, PHILIPPINE SIDE UNDERTOOK TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING SOYBEANS (12.01 A) AND SOYBEAN MEAL (23.04 A), AS WELL AS FOLLOWING AGRICULTURAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO U.S.

07.05 - OTHER DRIED LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES
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08.02 EX - ORANGES
08.02 EX - LEMONS
08.02 3/- GRAPEFRUITS
08.04 EX - GRAPES, FRESH

2. U.S. SIDE AGREED TO LOOK AT PROBLEM OF STAGING ON PLYWOOD (240.17 EX) AND INCLUSION IN OFFER OF ABACA CORDAGE GREATER THAN 3/4 INCH DIAMETER (315.50). U.S. SIDE ALSO AGREED TO LOOK AT CANNED PINEAPPLE (148.9820), BUT NOTED THAT THIS WAS A VERY DIFFICULT ITEM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: U.S. SIDE ALSO UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE U.S. PRIORITIES IN INDUSTRIAL-PRODUCTS REQUEST. USDEL UNDERSTANDS PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY LIST BY CABLE ASAP FOR PRESENTATION TO GOP.

4. U.S. SIDE PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF CONFIDENTIAL SUB-STANTIVE TALKS IN GENEVA IN FEW WEEKS' TIME. U.S. SIDE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS COULD BE REACHED WITH A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO MAKE A "PACKAGE."

5. U.S. SIDE IN ASEAN DIALOGUE AND MTN SIDE TALKS WILL ENDEAVOR TO PERSUADE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS. AMBASSADOR VEGA INDICATED, PRIVATELY, THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT U.S. EFFORT IN THE BACKGROUND.

6. BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THAT BILATERAL TREATY TALKS WERE MOVING SLOWLY, AND MORE RAPID PROGRESS IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AREA MIGHT BE POSSIBLE OUTSIDE CONTEXT OF ECONOMIC TREATY. U.S. SIDE NOTED THAT, AS IN CASE OF MEXICO, GOP'S LACK OF FULL GATT MEMBERSHIP WOULD REQUIRE SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED IN MTN.
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